

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
112 N. 6th St.
Multipurpose Room

June 19, 2015

Presiding: Ted Karamanski, Chair

Council Members Present:

Ted Karamanski	Paul Kraemer
James Brown	Peter Bullock
Carla Bruni	Raymond Terry Tatum
David Hanser	Victoria Granacki
Janine Wilkosz	Katherine Hamilton Smith
Nora Pat Small	Douglas Kullen

Non-Voting Council Members Present:

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Catherine O'Connor
Amy Hathaway	David Halpin
Rachel Leibowitz	Darius Bryjka
Jamie Franklin	Carol Dyson

Guests:

Douglas Gilbert	Marge Bevers
Elizabeth Korr	Jacqueline Reeples
Frank Butterfield	Nicholas Kalogeresis
Erica Ruggiero	Susan Benjamin
Gary Anderson	Michael Allen
Mary Beth Wright	Sarah Muirhead Petersdorf
Susanne Muirhead	Robert C. Muirhead
Missy Naglick	Anne Wright Fiero
	Brian Broell

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were approved as read. Roll was taken. Moline and Kapp were absent. Bruni entered after roll.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karamanski welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and went over the procedures for the day.

STAFF REPORT

Leibowitz gave an overview of Preservation Services news and announced the retirement of Catherine O'Connor. Karamanski asked about the state budget and the fate of the IHPA. Leibowitz explained that nothing was certain at this time. Bullock identified research depositories in Illinois as a possibility for extraneous National Register information.

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LISTINGS

Downtown Belleville North Historic District (Belleville). Michael Allen gave the presentation. The district is being considered for its local significance under Criterion A for Commerce and Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1860 - 1960. The Belleville Historic Preservation Commission requested that the name be changed to the **George Blair Historic District**.

Small asked whether the name had been changed throughout the nomination. Hathaway clarified that it had been changed recently, after the agenda and the nomination was posted online. Allen explained that the locals endorsed the new name and the final draft has the changes. Granacki suggested that that it would be helpful to state that these non-contributing buildings could be contributing if their skins and other non-contributing elements had been removed. Tatum had technical comments. The Post office is listed as institutional but would be more appropriate under governmental. The retail uses graph is nice but it is not clear where the information is from. A legend would help as would an aerial map showing the district in the larger context of downtown Belleville. Smith would like to see each nomination in regard to its location in the state. Hathaway offered to do a reference map for the council. Hathaway gave a positive staff opinion positive. One of 2 CLG grants. There were no letters of objection from any owners of this district or any other district here today.

Motion to recommend was made by Small and seconded by Tatum. Motion carries with Kullen voting no.

Central Berwyn Bungalow Historic District (Berwyn). Nicholas Kalogeresis and Douglas Gilbert gave the presentation. The district is being considered for its local significance under Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1900 - 1949. Kalogeresis mentioned that there were local representatives from Berwyn in the audience and how supportive local community was. There were no objections from owners. Karamanski noted that the nomination had excellent research, particularly the link between the building of houses and growing financial institutions. Gilbert credited Berwyn resident Frank McGowan and agreed that it was impressive to learn how houses were built by focused effort of Czech population, Czech builders, bankers, owners. There was general discussion about building types and styles. Questions arose about the period of significance and whether the 1950s Gable-Fronts should be included.

Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. This was the second CLG grant. Staff visited the district and hoped to see more nominations from Berwyn. The focus on this particular district was the highest concentration of bungalows.

Motion to recommend was made by Small and seconded by Granacki. Motion carries.

Karamanski called for a 10 minute break.

Robert and Elizabeth Muirhead House (Plato center vicinity). Sarah Muirhead Petersdorf gave the presentation. The property is being considered for local significance under Criterion C for architecture; the period of significance is 1951 - 1953.

Granacki asked Petersdorf to explain the weathered joint profile and define it in the nomination. Kullen complimented Petersdorf on the nomination and asked about the future plans for the place. Petersdorf explained that it has always been a family home and they open it for tours occasionally. Tatum complimented the house and said the family should be proud.

Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Smith and seconded by Hanser. Motion carried.

David Hyatt Van Dolah House (Lexington). Mary Beth Wright gave the presentation. The house is being considered for its local significance under Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1898.

Smith asked whether the friezes and ceiling paintings original. Wright explained that the house restoration has been 30 years in the works. The paintings are either original or exact reproductions. Granacki asked whether Wright was able to find more info on the architects. Wright explained that George Miller was a famous McLean County architect. When the home was built (1895-1898) Miller had a partner. Not a lot known about Mr. Fisher but Miller has 3 other homes in Bloomington on the National Register. Small commented that it is an amazing house and it seems to go beyond Queen Anne. It appeared that the nomination needed more context for this place. Discussion following regarding how to show how special the place is. Staff agreed to add more to the statement of significance.

Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Motion to recommend was made by Smith and seconded by Hanser. Motion carried.

East Rockford Historic District Boundary Extension & Additional Documentation. Gary Anderson gave the presentation. The property is being considered for its local significance under Criterion A for Commerce and Criterion C for architecture. The period of significance is 1852 - 1964.

Granacki supported the extension but believed the nomination needed additional work. Granacki cited the areas in the form that needed corrections, elaborations, and clarifications. Hathaway agreed to work with Anderson to make the appropriate corrections. Staff visited the district and it made sense to make the extension. Staff opinion (Hathaway) was positive. Hathaway explained that the nomination was an update as well as an addition to the original nomination. The original district was done in 1979 and dramatic changes have occurred since then. Bullock noted that it was remarkable that Rockford didn't tear much down.

Motion to recommend was made by Granacki and seconded by Hanser. Motion carried.

Break for Lunch: 12:07 PM. Meeting reconvened at 12:42 PM.

Condon Brothers and R. Shumway Building (Rockford). Susan Benjamin gave the presentation. The building is being considered for its local significance under Criterion A for Commerce. The period of significance is 1912 - 1965.

Granacki complimented the nomination and said it was a good guide as to how others should provide context. Granacki would like to see in the summary how long the company occupied the building. Bruni agreed that there was an incredible amount of information. Kullen stated that he would like to see a connection as to why the seed industry was important in America and wanted to know what remained that identified the buildings as seed buildings. Staff opinion (Heckenkamp) was positive. Hathaway explained that it is hard to get a sense of the seed operations unless you are there. The buildings look sparse but there is a lot there. Marge Bevers from Rockford explained further the areas and how there were signs of how the seed company worked. There were some that were removed such as the rubber mats and tables where seeds were sorted. A lot of these has been cleared out and cleaned up for renovation but a lot is still there.

Motion to recommend was made by Bruni and seconded by Granacki. Motion carried with Kullen voting no.

Central Manufacturing District: Pershing Road Development Historic District (Chicago). Erica Ruggiero gave the presentation. The district is being considered for its local significance under Criterion A for Industry and Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1917 - 1965.

Tatum recused himself since he was still with the City of Chicago when this nomination began. Frank Butterfield from Landmarks Illinois explained that the Central Manufacturing District was on the 10 most endangered list last year and Landmarks offers its full support. Small asked whether the water tower was still there. Ruggiero confirmed it was. Small asked about the condominiums on the west that were excluded from the district, whether they were significant and how had they Changed. Ruggiero and Hathaway explained they no longer appeared as industrial buildings.

Wilcosz agreed. Granacki stated that it would be helpful to identify which of the 17 buildings were which particular primary industrial types. Ruggiero agreed to further elaborate in nomination. Granacki asked about the historic maps that had the same dates. Ruggiero explained that they came from U of Chicago labeled that way. They dated them all circa 1930. Brown offered that adding the catalogued date to the endnote would help and will indicate the quality of the information. Karamanski had questions about architectural styles. Ruggiero agreed that it was challenging to label styles. Bullock noted that style differentiation was determined by terra cotta details. Granacki was about the bungalow warehouse and Ruggiero explained it was a one story building. There were no pictures of it. Karamanski asked if the railroad tracks are said to be significant to the building landscape, shouldn't they be listed? Hathaway said there was a huge system of RR spurs. Ruggiero explained they were paved over. Granacki asked whether there were landscape features in the front that should be part of the district. Ruggiero said no – that was more pertinent to the Original East District. Kullen liked the detailed history of the district and that the nomination also included the development in Chicago and nationwide. Staff (Hathaway) gave a positive opinion and recognized the amount of work Ruggiero did on the nomination. The next meeting will have the Original East District.

Motion to recommend was made by Wilcosz and seconded by Kraemer. Motion carried.

Karamanski stated that there was one final piece of business, which was the approval of minutes from last meeting.

The next meeting is October 30 in Springfield.

Adjourned 1:31 pm